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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION I

J.F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

January 9, 1981

Christopher J. Farrell Town Manager Town of Acton 472 Main Street Acton, Massachusetts 01720

Re: United States of America v. W.R. Grace & Co. final decree

Dear Mr. Farrell:

Please be informed that EPA Region I is completing its review of the documents entitled "Collection and Diversion Plan" dated September 17, 1980 and "Revision #1 to the Collection and Diversion Plan" dated November 19, 1980, which were submitted to me by W. R. Grace & Co. pursuant to paragraph 1X of the decree referenced above.

On December 22, 1980, members of my staff visited the W. R. Grace & Co. Acton facility to discuss the "Collection and Diversion Plan" and "Revision #1" with Donald Slade, project engineer for W. R. Grace & Co. This meeting and tour of the facility were also attended by John Ayers of Goldberg, Zoino & Associates, consultant to EPA, Robert Weimar and Jeffrey Diercks representing Camp, Dresser & McKee, consultant to W. R. Grace & Co., and Steven Calichman, Health Director, and Ralph Rerrisk, Town Engineer, representing the Town of Acton.

My staff has reviewed the preliminary comments of the Town of Acton Board of Selectmen and Board of Health regarding the "Collection and Diversion Plan", which were communicated in a letter data October 1, 1980 from attorney Stephen D. Anderson of Palmer & Dodge to Willard R. Pope, General Counsel for the Massachusens Department of Environmental Quality Engineering ("DEQE"). ** staff has also reviewed the DEQE's conditional approvals of the "Collection and Diversion Plan" and "Revision #1" communicated in the letters dated October 21, 1980 and December 30, 1980 from Gilbert Joly, DEQE Regional Engineer, to Donald Sade of W. R. Grace & Co.

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At this time I welcome any further comments or criticisms that the Town of Acton Board of Selectmen and Board of Health may have regarding the "Collection and Diversion Plan" and "Revision #1". Please submit any further comments or criticisms that the Town has to me in writing by January 23, 1981. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Michael J. Parise, an attorney in the Enforcement Division, at 223-5470, or James D. Okun, an environmental scientist in the Enforcement Division, at 223-2008.

Sincerely,

Kawrence M. Goldman

Acting Director Enforcement Division

cc: Mr. Stephen D. Anderson, Esq.